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In re Application of:

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**PATENT APPLICATION**

POLYNUCLEOTIDE CONSTRUCTS  
ENCODING ASPARTATE KINASE,  
ASPARTATE-SEMIALDEHYDE  
DEHYDROGENASE, AND  
DIHYDRODIPICOLINATE REDUCTASE  
AND RELATED CONSTRUCTS, PRODUCTS,  
AND METHODS

Group Art Unit: 1656

Examiner: Steadman, David J.

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is a response to the Official Action mailed in this case on October 12, 2005, and  
having a shortened statutory deadline for reply of January 12, 2006. That deadline is extended to  
February 13, 2006, by the petition for one month extension of time that is included herein. The  
Examiner's objections and rejections in this case have been carefully considered, and in view of  
the following remarks and amendments, reconsideration and early allowance of all pending  
claims is courteously requested.

Please amend this Application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected in the Amendments to the Specification, which begins on page 3 of this paper

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.

**Conclusion** begins on page 18 of this paper.

**Authorization** begins on page 19 of this paper.